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ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH BOARD

A Medical Research Board has been set up in the Office of The Surgeon General to coordinate all Medical Department research with other staff agencies and components of the Army as well as with agencies outside the Army.

Major General George F. Lull, USA, Deputy Surgeon General, is President, Colonel Thomas B. Turner, MC, Assistant Director, Preventive Medicine Service, is special Assistant to the President and Lieutenant Colonel Leon H. Warren, MC, Chief, Research Coordination Branch, Technical Division, Operations Service, is recorder.

The Executive Committee for the Board includes Brigadier General James S. Simmons, USA, Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, Brigadier General Stanhope Bayne-Jones, USA, Deputy Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, Brigadier General James A. Kelser, USA, Director, Veterinary Division, Brigadier General Rex McKinley McDowell, USA, Deputy Director, Dental Division, Colonel Howard F. Currie, MC, Executive Officer, Supply Service, Lieutenant Colonel Roy H. Turner, MC, Chief, Communicable Disease Treatment Branch, Medical Division, Lieutenant Colonel John B. Klopp, MC, Director, Technical Division, Operations Service, and Lieutenant Colonel Michael E. DeBakey, MC, Chief, General Surgery Branch, Surgical Division.

Colonel Long and Colonel Barker Here from Overseas

Colonel Perrin Long, MC, Consultant in Medicine in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations and Colonel Marion Barker, MC, Chief of the Medical Service of the 12th General Hospital in that theater, recently arrived from overseas and are now on temporary duty in the Office of The Surgeon General for the purpose of exchanging information relative to problems in internal medicine. Plans have been made for them to visit representative civilian and Army medical installations here. Colonel Barker is particularly noted for his outstanding work in infectious hepatitis for which he has received the Legion of Merit.

REFRESHER COURSES FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS
REASSIGNED TO PROFESSIONAL DUTY

Army medical officers who have been occupied with administrative and other non-professional duties and who are to be assigned professional duties will be offered the opportunity to take refresher professional training under a new program just inaugurated by the Army Medical Department.

This training, which will be voluntary, will be open to members of the Medical Corps who, because of assignment to command, administrative or semi-professional positions have not engaged in the professional aspects of medical service during the past twelve months or more. Priority will be given those who have served overseas.

Requests for this training will be submitted through channels to The Surgeon General who will make assignments to the general and regional hospitals where the courses will be given. Officers selected will go on temporary duty for a period of not more than 12 weeks.

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Medical Corps Officers Promoted to Brigadier General. "REX MCKINLEY McDOWELL, Director, Dental Division, Office of The Surgeon General, Washington, D. C.," should read, "REX MCKINLEY McDOWELL, Deputy Director, Dental Division, Office of The Surgeon General, Washington, D. C."

SGO SPEAKERS AT PREVENTIVE MEDICINE CONFERENCE

The following members of The Surgeon General's Office addressed the recent conference on preventive medicine at Baltimore, Md.

February 14: Greetings were extended by Major General George F. Lull, USA, Deputy Surgeon General. Brigadier General S. Bayne-Jones, USA, Deputy Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, outlined the preventive medicine program of the Army. Lieutenant Colonel Arthur P. Long, MC, Director, Epidemiology Division and Captain Philip E. Sartwell, MC, Epidemiology Division, spoke on infectious disease control. Lieutenant Colonel A. L. Ahnfeldt, MC, Director, Sanitation and Hygiene Division spoke on insect control.

February 15: Problems of sanitary engineering were discussed by Colonel William A. Hardenbergh, SnC, Director, Sanitary Engineering Division. Industrial medicine in the army was described by Lieutenant Colonel W. L. Cook, Jr., MC, Acting Director, Occupational Health Division. Lieutenant Colonel O. R. McCoy, MC, Director, Tropical Disease Control Division, spoke on public health aspects of tropical diseases. Major C. J. Damm, MC, Director, Laboratories Division, spoke on laboratory services. Lieutenant Colonel Francis Dieuaide, MC, Medical Consultants Division, spoke on preventive medicine aspects of internal medicine and Brigadier General Raymond A. Kelser, USA, Director, Veterinary Division spoke on Army veterinary activities. Major Douglas W. Walker, MC, Executive Officer, Preventive Medicine Service, spoke on infectious hepatitis, and Captain Granville W. Larimore, MC, Chief, Health Education Unit, commented on some recently released films and spoke on the work of that unit.

February 16: Lieutenant Colonel Thomas H. Sternberg, MC, Director, Venereal Disease Control Division spoke on venereal disease control. Colonel John B. Youmans, MC, Director, Nutrition Division spoke on nutrition in troops. Colonel Thomas B. Turner, MC, Director, Civil Public Health Division, spoke on health programs in occupied countries. Major Harold M. Horack, MC, Acting Director, Medical Intelligence Division, spoke on medical intelligence, and Captain Thomas E. Shaffer, MC, Acting Army Quarantine Liaison Officer, spoke on foreign quarantine in military traffic.

Captain Gage at SGO

Captain David P. Gage, MC, has recently arrived in Washington from the South Pacific Theater of Operations to confer on tropical disease problems. He is now on temporary duty with the Medical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General.

CONSULTANT IN PERSONNEL

Mr. James W. Tower, a member of the staff of Industrial Relations Counselors, Inc., of New York City, has been appointed Consultant in Personnel to The Surgeon General. Through Mr. Tower the resources of Industrial Relations Counselors have been placed at the disposal of the Medical Department. This is a non-profit organization, established in 1926 "to advance the knowledge and practice of human relationships in industry, commerce, education and government."

Sport Films in Army Hospitals

Sick and wounded soldiers will be able to "attend" big league baseball games, championship prize fights and basketball games played by the Big Ten -- while they are being brought home on hospital ships or are patients in an Army hospital. The Office of The Surgeon General has announced that movies of major events in the world of sports are being made an integral part of the Army's reconditioning program. Through the cooperation of the Information and Education Division, Headquarters Army Service Forces, these sport films are now being distributed to Army hospital and hospital ship film libraries.

MAJOR ASHE ATTENDS MACY FOUNDATION MEETING

Major William F. Ashe, MC, Assistant Director, Nutrition Division, Preventive Medicine Service, represented the Office of The Surgeon General at a meeting of the Macy Foundation in New York City on February 2 and 3. The topic of discussion was "The Metabolic Aspects of Convalescence."

RECENT PROMOTIONS, MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel

BYRON LUDWIG STEGER, MC, Bueiprus, Ohio.
ROBERT WOODWARD GASTON, JR., DC, New Orleans, La.
JOHN CHISHOLM FITZPATRIC, MC, Jamestown, N.D.
EDWARD ESTILL JOHNSTON, MC, S. Bend, Ind.
FRANCES JOSEPH McGOWAN, MC, New York, N.Y.

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

RICHARD HENRY GROGAN, MC, New York, N.Y.
CHARLES HARRISON ARNOLE, MC, Lincoln, Neb.
ROGER MERRIT MINKEL, MC, Newton, Iowa.
SIDNEY DAVIDSON, MC, Larchmont, N.Y.
WILLIAM HARVEY BARNARD, MC, Toledo, Ohio.
ELSON BOWAN HELWIG, MC, St. Louis, Mo.
HARRY ALBERT TOWSLEY, MC, Ann Arbor, Mich.
WILLIAM NIEBUHR WEAVER, MC, Muskagee, Okla.
CHARLES SINCLAIR McCALL, JR., MC, Philadelphia, Pa.
HENRY AARON ROGAN, MC, Pleasantville, N.Y.
RUSSEL FRANKLIN MILLER, MC, Philadelphia, Pa.
SAMUEL WILSON MOORE, MC, New York, N.Y.
SANDERS MURRAY, MC, New York, N.Y.
JOSEPH WARREN HUNDLEY, JR., MC, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.
ABRAHAM SOLOMON JACOBSON, MC, New York, N.Y.
EDWARD GEORGE THORP, MC, Melrose, Mass.
ROBERT HICKS HOLMES, MC, Lumberton, N.C.
GEORGE WELKS WARRICK, MC, Birmingham, Ala.
ALGOT REGINALD NELSON, MC, Grand Rapids, Mich.
ROBERT JENNINGS JAEHNE, MC, Austin, Tex.
CLAYTON DANIEL MOTE, MC, San Francisco, Calif.
BLONDY SEWELL HENRY, MC, Memphis, Tenn.
JOHN POST, MC, Chicago, Ill.
CARL MARVIN HOOD, DC, Athens, Ga.
DELANVAN VAN HORN HOLMAN, MC, Franconia, N.H.
MANUAL HORWITZ, MC, Providence, R.I.
THOMAS HORWITZ, MC, Philadelphia, Pa.
THOMAS STEWART HAMILTON, MC, Boston, Mass.
CURTIS MANLEY HANNA, MC, San Diego, Calif.
FRANK KIMZEY JUSTICE, MC, Davidson, N.C.
AUGUSTUS MARION DAVISON, MC, Fayetteville, Ark.
GEORGE ARCHIE WOOD, MC, Palo Alto, Calif.
FLOYD LIVINGSTON MCCOLLUM, MC, Mason, Tex.
EDWIN LOUIS RYPINS, MC, Bloomington, Ill.
FRANK THOMAS CAWLEY, MC, Washington, D.C.
JAMES EWING COTTREL, MC, Philadelphia, Pa.
JAMES BRUCE WALLER, MC, Decatur, Ill.
ROBERT F. SHARER, MC, Oak Park, Ill.
GEORGE DAVID DOROSHOW, MC, Huntington Park, Calif.
HYMER LOUIS FRIEDEL, MC, San Francisco, Calif.
WALTER HENRY GERWIG, JR., MC, Baltimore, Md.
ROBERT ALLISON COSGROVE, MC, Jersey City, N.J.
CESARE GRANTURCO, MC, Urbana, Ill.
FRANCK GLENN, MC, New York, N.Y.
WILLIAM THEODORE HOLLADAY, MC, Amboy, Ill.
MARVIN ARNOLD MACK, MC, Crete, Neb.
HAROLD HABICH GOLZ, MC, Clarksburg, W. Va.
GORDON ELIAS SNYDER, MC, New Milford, Pa.
HOWARD GOODMAN, MC, Townson, Md.
MAURICE M. STERNBERG, MC, Omaha, Neb.
CONRAD JOEL HOLMBERG, MC, Minneapolis, Minn.
GEORGE CALVIN BESS, MC, St. Louis, Mo.
LOUIS SIMON STERN, MC, Milwaukee, Wisc.
HOWARD BERTRAM BURCHELL, MC, Rochester, Minn.
GEORGE BURTON BROADHURST, DC, Webster Groves, Mo.
IRVING JEROME ARONSON, DC, Elizabeth, N.J.
ROBERT BENJAMIN MEEKS, VC, Kansas City, Kansas.
DAN PERRY MCGILL, JR., MAC, Atlanta, Ga.
CARL MAX PRINCE, MAC, Inglewood, Calif.
THEODORE JACK DALTON, MAC, Omaha, Neb.

RISK OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS
NO GREATER IN ARMY THAN CIVILIAN LIFE

Despite the huge concentration of men brought together from all parts of the country in Army posts and the combat conditions under which great numbers are living, there is apparently no more danger in the Army from infantile paralysis than there is in civilian life.

The Office of The Surgeon General reports that the number of cases was 3.4 per 100,000 troops in this country in 1943 and 4.0 in 1944. The case fatality rate was 12.1% in 1943. This is similar to the civilian rate for similar ages, and there is a further similarity in the time of year the cases occurred and their geographical location.

There has not been an epidemic of infantile paralysis at any Army post during this war.

Army Training Reconditioning Instructors

The Army now has 680 officers and 1,486 enlisted men who are graduates of training courses in physical and educational reconditioning. More are constantly being trained--not only to take care of the increasing number of convalescents in Army hospitals, but to replace those instructors called to general duty.

Because able-bodied instructors in educational reconditioning are subject to reassignment at any time, every effort is being made to fill these posts from the Army roles of physically disabled. According to the Office of The Surgeon General, these handicapped instructors--many of whom have suffered amputations--are particularly inspiring to the convalescent soldiers they instruct.

ARMY DOCTOR DECORATED FOR NAVAL ACTION

The Silver Star Medal has been awarded, at the recommendation of the Navy, to Captain Cornelius A. Mahoney of the Army Medical Corps. The award was made "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Ship's Surgeon aboard the U.S.S. LST 315 during the amphibious invasion of Sicily in July 1943."

The citation declares that, "When a fierce enemy attack left his vessel raging with fires and explosions, making abandonment necessary, Captain Mahoney steadfastly remained on board with utter disregard for his own personal safety to assist in transferring all wounded to another ship, leaving the stricken vessel only when his task had been accomplished. Captain Mahoney's tenacious devotion to duty and cool courage in the face of grave peril undoubtedly saved the lives of many men who otherwise might have perished and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Captain Mahoney, whose residence is Forest Hills, N.Y., entered the Medical Corps Reserve as a first lieutenant upon graduation from the St. Louis (Mo.) Medical School in 1937.

Colonel Huddleston Posthumously Awarded Legion of Merit

The Legion of Merit has been awarded posthumously to Colonel Jarret M. Huddleston, MC, former Corps Surgeon of the Fifth Army, and presented to his wife, Mrs. Helen B. Huddleston of 3051 Idaho Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The presentation was made by Major General Shelly U. Marietta, USA, Commanding Officer of Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Colonel Huddleston, 50, one of the first Regular Army Medical Corps Colonels to die in action in this war, was killed in Italy on February 9, 1944.

He received his M.D. degree from George Washington University in 1916 and entered the Army as a first lieutenant the following year. During World War I he served overseas as regimental surgeon of the first Engineers, First Division, was in six major engagements and received the Croix de Guerre for bravery. After the Armistice Colonel Huddleston served with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

He was graduated from the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., in 1921, the Army Medical School, Washington, D.C., in 1922 and the School of Aviation Medicine, Mitchel Field, N.Y., in 1923. Colonel Huddleston was later

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assigned to George Washington University, Washington, D.C., as professor of Military science and tactics from 1933 to 1937, and also served as secretary of the Army Medical School. Before leaving for his last assignment overseas he was stationed at Fort Beauregard, La.

Besides his widow, Colonel Huddleston is survived by three sons, First Lieutenant Jarret M., Jr., First Lieutenant James M., and Cadet Thomas M. Huddleston, a student at West Point.

HISTORICAL RED CROSS BUTTON TO COLONEL BLANCHFIELD

Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, ANC, Director of the Nursing Division, Office of The Surgeon General, recently received from Former President Herbert Hoover the personal Red Cross button which belonged to Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross. Mr. Hoover had found the pin among the possessions of Mrs. Hoover who had expressed the wish that it be given to some great nurse.

RECENT PROMOTIONS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

Captain to Major

JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR., MAC, of Nacogdoches, Texas, of Issue Division, Supply Service.

NEPHTUNE ROGELBERG, MAC, of Logan, Utah, of Fiscal Division.

CAPTAIN EDWARD A. LEW, MAC, of Larchmount, N.Y., of Medical Statistics Division, Professional Administrative Service.

Departures, Office of The Surgeon General

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LAURENCE R. BOWER, VC, of Ithaca, N.Y., formerly Veterinary Division, assigned to Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WALTER H. POTTER, MAC, of Floral Park, N.Y., formerly Purchase Division, Supply Service, returned to inactive status.

MAJOR WILLIAM H. STEARNS, MC, of New York, N.Y., formerly Medical Consultants Division, assigned to Fourth Service Command, 309th General Hospital, Fort Jackson, S. C.

MAJOR MARY C. WALKER, ANC, of Toulon, Ill., formerly Nursing Division, Professional Administrative Service assigned to Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colo.

CAPTAIN DAVID M. CAMPBELL, MAC, of Washington, D.C., formerly Training Division, Operations Service, assigned to Fort Hamilton, N.Y.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH A. KEENEY, MAC, of Chester, Pa., formerly at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., assigned to Technical Division, Operations Service.

SECOND LIEUTENANT GRAVES H. WILSON, MAC, of Wrens, Ga., formerly at Camp Barkeley, Texas, assigned to Technical Division, Operations Service.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LEWIS W. SHELTON, TC, of Alameda, Calif., formerly of New Orleans Port of Embarkation, assigned to Office Service Division.

Varied Service of Dental Officers

In addition to making more than a million and a half men available for military service, dental officers are rendering other notable service to the Army. In a recent speech before the University of Southern California Dental Alumni Association, Lieutenant Colonel John C. Brauer, DC, Chief of the Dental Standards Branch, Office of The Surgeon General, called attention to "the dental officers on the maxillofacial teams; the dental officers on the neurosurgical teams, who are called upon to fabricate tantalum plates to restore cranial defects caused by injury; and the dental officers who developed the acrylic eye and who are now routinely processing and fitting such prostheses."

NEED NOW IS FOR 16,000 NURSES

The Army needs 16,000 additional nurses immediately in order to care adequately for wounded and sick American soldiers, according to Major General George F. Lull, Deputy Surgeon General.

During the first two weeks of February, 1,450 registered nurses received commissions as officers in the Army Nurse Corps. This is an increase over the 1,050 commissioned in January, but the total number of nurses is still far short of the Army's immediate needs.

With the flood of new patients from overseas, the authorized ceiling for the Corps was recently raised from 50,000 to 60,000. At present it numbers only 44,000 and about 250 nurses a month are separated from the Army for various reasons. About 71 per cent are overseas, some having been in foreign theaters for several years. Incidentally, a more effective rotation plan for these overworked nurses will be possible when the full quota of 60,000 is reached.

Colonel Barton Conducts Red Cross Seminar

Lieutenant Colonel Walter E. Barton, MC, Assistant Director, Reconditioning Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, is conducting a seminar on "Management of Special Disabilities from the Standpoint of Convalescent Reconditioning," with the American Red Cross In-Service Hospital Training Groups at American University, Washington, D.C. His seminar is attended by Red Cross field directors who will supervise Red Cross personnel working in hospitals.

WOMEN MEDICAL OFFICERS

There are currently 74 women medical officers serving in the Army, according to the Office of The Surgeon General. Of this number four are majors, 36 are captains and 34 are first lieutenants. They have been certified as internists, neuropsychiatrists, obstetricians, gynecologists, pathologists, radiologists and anesthetists, and the Army has given them assignments in line with their specialties at general, regional and station hospitals as well as at the two WAC training centers. Seventeen of these women medical officers are now serving overseas.